

January 24, 2002

Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am in favor of the settlement reached in the antitrust case against Microsoft. I think the lawsuit was more a representation of bureaucracy than a sincere appeal for the rights of the consumer. Hence, I am in support of a quick resolution to this case, by approval of the terms of this settlement.

Everyone can benefit from improved performance among the technology companies. Licensing agreements with the 20 largest computer makers, granting the rights to configure Windows, and improvement of relationships with software developers, all can add to this improvement.

I hope you will step forward as a leader and support this settlement. We need Microsoft performing at one hundred percent capacity. Microsoft needs to be allowed to move forward, hopefully bringing the economy with it. Please consider this. Thank you.

Sincerely,



David Thomas